

Through this program, eligible adults who meet age, income and asset criteria can receive *in their own home or other residential setting* Medicaid-covered services like those provided by nursing homes. You or your loved one may not need to move.

For people who need supportive services to do this, the Home and Community Based Services for the Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program was established in 1992.

Today this program is known as the MI Choice Medicaid Waiver Program, or simply “the waiver”.

Some basic services covered under this program are:

- * Homemaker Services
- * Chore Services
- * Personal Care
- * Private Duty Nursing
- * Respite Services
- * Adult Daycare
- * Transportation
- * Environmental Modifications
- * Medical Supplies and Equipment
- * Personal Emergency Response Systems
- * And more...

FICTION: I cannot qualify for the Medicaid Waiver Program if I already receive Medicare benefits.

FACT: A person can be dually enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid.

FICTION: I must spend-down all my assets before I can qualify for Medicaid.

FACT: Only a Medicaid specialist can let you know what is needed for your individual circumstances to qualify for Medicaid programs. *Do not spend-down until you have received instructions from a trained professional.*

FICTION: My spouse and I must become impoverished before Medicaid Waiver benefits can be utilized.

FACT: There are certain financial protections for a spouse under Long Term Care Medicaid guidelines. Contact your Medicaid specialist to learn about safeguarding your particular funds and assets.

FICTION: Once I or a loved one enters a nursing home, we must stay if we need continuing care. There is no other place for us to go. Once there, always there.

FACT: Yes, you can move! There are special programs in place to assist you every step of the way-from assistance

with housing, to making sure you have community-based services needed to transition you to your own home.

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FICTION: Nursing homes are the only choice for older adults or persons with a disability who need help caring for themselves.

FACT: Today there may be a choice to stay in your own home or community setting, even though you or a family member may need some help doing so. One program funded by Michigan Medicaid is the **MI Choice Waiver Program.**

For further information in
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these facts, including the
MI Choice Waiver
program, call:

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